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THE PURPLE PLAIN

EMBITTERED by the death of his bride in an air raid just after their marriage in London, SQUADRON LEADER FORRESTER tries to get killed in subsequent war service, but succeeds only in winning a decoration for valor.

Eventually stationed in Burma, he is in a state of violent nervous irritation, aggravated by having to share a tent with BLORE, a fellow officer, and by the fact that there is no word of CARRINGTON, his new navigator, due from Calcutta three weeks previously.

Obviously concerned over Forrester, HARRIS, the medical officer, takes him to a settlement of Burmese Christians, and introduces him first to DOROTHY, a cultured English-educated Burmese, then later to her younger sister, ANNA.

Forrester finds himself unaccountably shy, trying to make conversation with Anna.

Now read on:

As if she were shy, too, the girl spoke formally. She had a way of putting her head slightly to one side, as if she feared that the flower she was wearing in her hair would fall.

Forrester began to think it would fall, too, and watched it, fascinated, half hoping it would fall, so that he could reach forward and catch it in his hands.

"Have you been here for long?" he said.

"For nearly three months now," he said.

"Do you like it?"

He hesitated for a moment—he did not want to offend her—and said, "I'm not sure if I know it yet."

"No one knows it," she said. "All of Burma. No one knows it all."

"No," he said.

"It is very beautiful here in the dry belt in the cool weather," she said. She still spoke with delicate, polite correctness, as if she were talking from a textbook. "But no one knows it all."

"Rice and rubies," he said. "That was all the Burma I knew. Before I came."

"There are stones here if you wish to buy them," she said.

He did not know what to say. He did not want to buy stones; he hated them. Sometimes he thought he was the only serviceman in the entire East who did not possess a small horde of gems in cotton wool.

"We could go to see them if you wish," she said. "It is not far."

He did not know what to do. "The doctor will want to get back."

"Oh, no," she said. "He goes late. Always. He never bothers. It's all the same to him."

"All right," he said. "I would be glad."

She got up at once and walked to the door of the house, opening it and calling a few words inside without waiting for an answer. She was very small beside him, and she walked with slow grace in the dust of the track, not speaking much, turning only sometimes to smile at him.

"We go in here" she said, and he followed her across one of the near

compounds towards a hut of cane and palm, and went into it after her.

Shade from tamarind trees and palms made it almost dark inside, where a Burmese woman of old, grey face sat on the floor.

The girl spoke to her, and she hurriedly got up in a wonder of shy excitement at the presence of Forrester. Her lips trembled so that she could not speak, but after a moment or two a man of forty-five

came in from the compound.

"They are mother and son," the girl said. "They had a house in the town once, but it is gone now."

"Pleased," the man said. "Good." He shook hands energetically with Forrester and smiled with shy, cordial face. "Pleased. Good."

"They will get the stones," the girl said.

From a wooden cabinet on the wall the old woman began to bring out very small folded packages of brown paper and lay them on a teak table in the centre of the room, opening them there with trembling hands. The son brought a small tin oil lamp and set it on the table.

"These are rubies," the girl said.

"But you know them."

"Yes," he said.

Forrester turned from the doctor to look at Anna kneeling beside the frightened child.

"These are white sapphires, and these are golden amethysts."

He picked up some of the stones and held them in his hands under the light. All of them were small and the cutting was bad.

"Perhaps they have something better," he said. He was embarrassed by the eager, trembling face of the old woman and the smiling eagerness of the son, and he wanted to be polite.

"They say to-morrow," the girl said. "They say if you will come to-morrow they will have better stones. Zircons and emeralds perhaps."

He looked down at her face, very pale in the lamplight of the darkening room. Her black eyes were intensely penetrating, and he knew suddenly that she knew what he was thinking: that he was embarrassed and did not want the stones and did not know how to refuse.

"Tell them I will come again," he said.

"To-morrow?"

"If it is possible," he said.

"Try to make it possible."

Before he could speak again she began talking to the old woman and the son. "Pleased!" the son said. "Good!" He suddenly took off his hat to Forrester and bowed.

"They say they will have beautiful stones for you," the girl said.

He got up from the table and shook hands first with the old woman and then the son. With his hat held above his head like an umbrella, the son came to the door with Forrester and the girl, saying over and over again, "Pleased! Good-bye!" bowing to them very slowly, like a man before a shrine.

Outside, the sun had already set

and under the trees the short twilight broken now by a breath of wind, was almost gone. It seemed to wash away at last, as it always did, the brutal, violent clamor of the day.

"You did not want the stones," the girl said.

"No."

"I am sorry."

"I have no one to give stones to."

"No one?"

"No one," he said.

"Then there is no need for you to come again," she said.

"All the same, I would like to come," he said.

She did not speak again for a short time, and he knew by her silence that she was thinking of what he had said. He felt he had spoken hypocritically, but there was a gentleness in the silence that did not press on him.

"Do you mean you have really no one to give the stones to?" she said. "Or only that you have no one who would like them?"

"I have no one to give them to," he said.

"You are the first officer who has come here and not bought jewels," she said.

"Am I?" he said. He spoke almost sharply, and then, in the light of a house as they passed it, he saw her smiling, and in a moment his irritation was gone.

"All of them come for that. I thought you had come for that, too. That was why I took you."

"No," he said. "I don't care for them."

"I'm sorry. It was my fault," she said.

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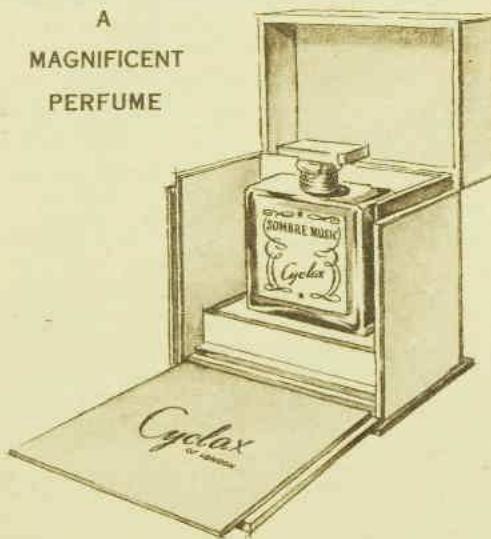
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FORESTER was suddenly touched by the humility of the way the girl spoke, and he did not know what to say. He felt, for the first time, slightly ashamed of himself.

The feeling jolted him physically. And without having the slightest idea why he did it, he swung out both hands and said, "It's really very wonderful here."

"Most of them hate it. They long for England," she said. "Don't you?"

"No," he said, "I don't long for England."

"Never?"

"No," he said. "Sometimes I think I'll never go back."

She turned her head as if startled. Before he was aware of it and could do anything to stop it, the word "England" brought back the idea that he was going to kill himself. Its violent suddenness almost frightened him.

He looked at her quickly, as if thinking she must have heard what was going on in his mind, but she was not looking now. She was walking in the same smooth, calm way as before, and he knew that all that was wrong was his own stupidity.

"We are at the house," she said.

He saw a light in the small windows behind the verandah, and smelt the deep, heavy fragrance of the tree. He held open the gate of the palisade, and she said, "There is a light in the dispensary still. That must be the doctor."

He followed her across the compound to where, in the far corner, was the hut that Harris had made into a dispensary. The girl opened the door.

Inside the hut, Harris, sleeves rolled up, was bending over a white enamel bowl of hot water in the centre of a long teak table. Behind him stood a few rows of shelves neatly filled with bottles.

Forrester was surprised to see that the hut was big enough to hold two beds, in one of which a small Burmese girl lay looking upward with staring, scared eyes in the lamp-light.

Harris said, "Hello. She was brought in by Dorothy," and wiped his hands on a towel. Forrester turned from the doctor to look at the girl as she went over to the bed and knelt down by it, talking to the child in whispers, holding her hands.

"She didn't take her mepacrine," Harris said. "But that was scarcely odd, because the poor little devil had no mepacrine to take."

"Poor kid."

"Let it be a lesson to you," Harris said. "Now I want you to go back to H.Q."

"Medical orderly," Forrester said.

"Promotion."

"Take the jeep and go back to my tent and see Johnson, the corporal. Give him this list and let him have the things ready and drive the jeep back to fetch me at daylight."

Harris gave him a folded paper. Forrester took it and toyed with it in his hands.

"Someday you must tell me what H.Q. thinks of M.O.s who start private hospitals for the natives."

"I'm not interested in what H.Q. thinks."

The girl, smiling, came over from the sickbed, and suddenly Forrester remembered the plain. He was not sure of the road going across the vast expanse of dust in darkness.

"I'm not sure of this road," he said.

"There ought to be a moon," Harris said. "Otherwise, of course, there's a thing called navigation."

"I never learned it."

"What is wrong?" the girl said.

"He is not sure of the road," he said.

Harris said, "He is very young to be out at night."

"I could show him."

"Oh, no," Forrester said. "Thank you all the same."

"It is a little difficult to the end of the village, but after that you make for the railway and it's all right."

"Please," he said. "I can find it."

"You'd better go with her," Harris said. "At least there'll be one good head."

Forrester followed the girl out of the little dispensary into the darkness of the compound.

He switched on the lights of the jeep and waited for the girl to climb into the seat in front. He got in, too, and started the engine.

As he drove the jeep through the narrow, fenced track between the lighted houses and the trees, she said nothing except an occasional word to guide him.

Gradually the track widened and there were no more houses, and in a few moments he saw the last of the banana trees, like a huge column of green glass in the headlights, go past him into the darkness.

The moon was not up yet, but he could see the faint glow of it beginning to whiten hazy the sky above the rim of mountains, and he knew that it would be easy now to find the way.

He stopped the jeep and got out and went to the other side to help her down. "I shall find it now," he said. "Will you be all right?"

"I shall be all right," she said.

He did not know what else to say to her, and stood for a moment awkwardly beside her.

"I must go back," she said.

"Yes." He held both her hands as she climbed down, and then let them go. Almost at once she gave him her right hand back, shaking his own.

"Good-night," she said.

"Good-night," he said. "It has been a wonderful pleasure."

"You are coming again," she said.

"Yes," he said.

BEFORE Forrester could say anything more the girl turned away and began to walk back again along the track. She turned and smiled for a moment, and he lifted his hand, standing for a minute or two to watch her go.

When he could no longer see her in the darkness, he got up into the jeep and drove out across the plain.

The night was very beautiful, and there was nothing to fret the edges of his mind as he thought back to the girl, the way he had slept on the verandah and had wakened in dumb surprise to see her there.

He got to the camp about eight o'clock and, not realising he had not eaten, went straight to his tent.

The glow of the moon coming up behind the palms had a fantastic and sombre splendor that dwarfed the brown tent, the palms and the broken chalky pagodas into the shadowy pauperness of ruins left by an advancing army.

He saw the end flap of his tent open and hooked back, and inside the glow of two hurricane lamps hanging from poles above each bed.

Close by stood his green canvas bath, filled with water put there by the boy Ali, ready for the bath he had not taken.

He went into the tent and came at once to a dead stop just inside it. Blore was reading on his bed, under a mosquito net still thrown back at the edges, propped up on one elbow as Forrester had expected him to be. His own bed was neat and ready, too.

But at the end of the tent, placed crosswise, with its mosquito net fixed, was a third bed. In it a young officer. And he knew it once, even before his anger came rushing up at him to overcome him with impotence, that it was Carrington.

Startled and troubled, Blore leaped off the bed. He began to speak at once, nervously clutching his book from hand to hand.

"I couldn't find you anywhere," he seemed to Forrester quite frightened.

The young officer in very leisurely way got off his bed. He was slight and small.

"This is Carrington," Blore said. "He got in by Dak from Comilla about seven."

Forrester did not move or speak. The young officer had a high aristocratic head, with long, thin hair slicked back like glass. It gave him, in Forrester's eyes, an expression of maddening aloofness.

"This is Squadron-Leader Forrester," Blore said.

"Good evening," Carrington said. He had the single thick vine stripe of a flying officer on his shoulder and his navigator's badge on his chest.

"Who gave you authority to sleep here?" Forrester said.

"The camp commandant," Blore said.

"Then the camp commandant should mind his own business."

"I'm sorry," the boy said.

"It's rather late to be sorry." Forrester looked savagely round at the confined space of the tent, that seemed now to be nothing but a oppressive tangle of men and mosquito netting. He felt that it suffocated him even more than it had in the awful heat of the afternoon.

"You know how it is," Blore said. "Everywhere is as full as it can stick."

"So I see!" Forrester began savagely to unbutton his jacket. Without speaking again, he took it off and threw it through the loose mosquito netting on to the bed.

Underneath it his thin singlet was grey and wet with sweat-smeared dust. He took that off also and stood with it screwed up in his hands, as if ready to throw it with the jacket.

"And another thing," it seemed better in the height of his anger to reveal the entire mass of his grayances. "Where have you been? We've been waiting three weeks for you."

"I thought you knew," Carrington said. "I was taken ill at Comilla Dysentery. They yanked me into hospital before I knew."

"And before we knew, didn't they ever tell you about a thing called a signal?"

"We did signal."

"Then where did it get to?"

"You know how it is," the boy said. "India."

"I don't know how it is! Tell me!" Forrester said.

"It was probably some idiot of an Indian kid who was supposed to have sent it, and didn't. You can never depend on anybody."

"Not!" Forrester said. "So it seems."

He threw the wet mess of his undershirt on the bed and turned abruptly away.

Before either of the men could speak again, he picked up his soap and brush towel from his table by the bed head and went outside. Slipping off his socks and trousers he stood naked in the canvas bath.

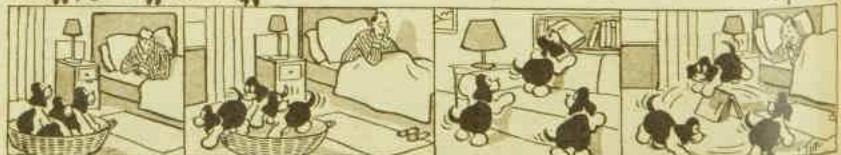
The water came just above his ankles. It would have been poured in by Ali, quite hot, about six o'clock, and now, even after nearly three hours, it was still unpleasantly tepid and dead.

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Wuff, Snuff & Tuff

FOR THE CHILDREN

by TIM



SUSAN MARTIN, having survived the usual peak-hour jostling and pushing, emerged from the railway station not too much the worse for her encounter with the homeward-bound public.

She stepped briskly along the street, and at exactly twenty-five minutes to six reached the boarder's house where she had been living since her arrival in Sydney three months previously from her home in Mingella.

It was three months to the day, she reflected as she jumbled in her bag for her key, since she had walked into the office of Morrison and Co., Solicitors, and got a position there. Her acquaintance with young Mr. Mortimer had progressed very well since then, and to-night she was actually to go to a show with him.

She was still searching for her key, when the door was opened and she was confronted by a tall young man who, on seeing the amazed look of recognition on Susan's attractive face, beamed on her with a delightful, if somewhat mischievous smile.

"Why, Sue! Hullo! I say. Fancy meeting you here."

Recovering from her amazement, Susan gasped, "Bill Mortimer, where did you spring from?"

Mortimer's grin widened. "Sorry, can't tell you," he said, "national secret. But do step in." He stood back and swept her a low bow.

"Coming, Miss Martin?" Bill's deep voice interrupted her thoughts, and she saw that everyone was moving into the dining-room, where dinner had been set out for half an hour. It was salad as usual on Wednesdays, so it had not suffered from the delay.

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Mr. Lane breathed a sigh of relief which almost caused some of the furniture to become air-borne, and hurried from the room giving the impression that he was escaping before Mortimer could handcuff him.

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"Very well, sir, thank you," answered Rhodes, and he left.

Then Joan Emerson, who was to meet her sister in town and see a show, asked Mortimer if she could go. He assented, and as she reached the door she turned and said: "Why don't you come, too, Susan?"

"Thanks, Joan," smiled Susan, "but I'm going out." She could not resist adding for Bill's benefit, "Mr. Morrison, you know."

"Oh," breathed Joan. She grinned and added, "Good luck," and shut the door.

As the light jumped to his feet, and answered briskly, "Yes, sir?"

"I was saying, Mortimer," said Nelson slowly, "that Jordan has been known to the police for some time."

"Yes, sir."

"And that we don't expect to find the culprit among the present company."

"No, sir."

Inspector Nelson looked closely at Bill for a few seconds longer. Then turning back to the others, he told them that after he left Detective-Sergeant Mortimer would be in charge, and he was to use his discretion in deciding whether they could leave the house.

He added that it would probably not be necessary to detain anyone.

Susan breathed a faint sigh of relief at this information, being very anxious to keep her appointment with Mr. Morrison. She was not particularly concerned over the murder of Mr. Jordan. She had hardly spoken more than a dozen words to him since his arrival, as he kept himself removed from the other boarders.

It was, of course, very exciting to be in the midst of a murder case, especially if one was not as likely suspect. Mr. Morrison would probably not approve of it, but he was rather stuffy, it had to be admitted, not like Bill, who was always as

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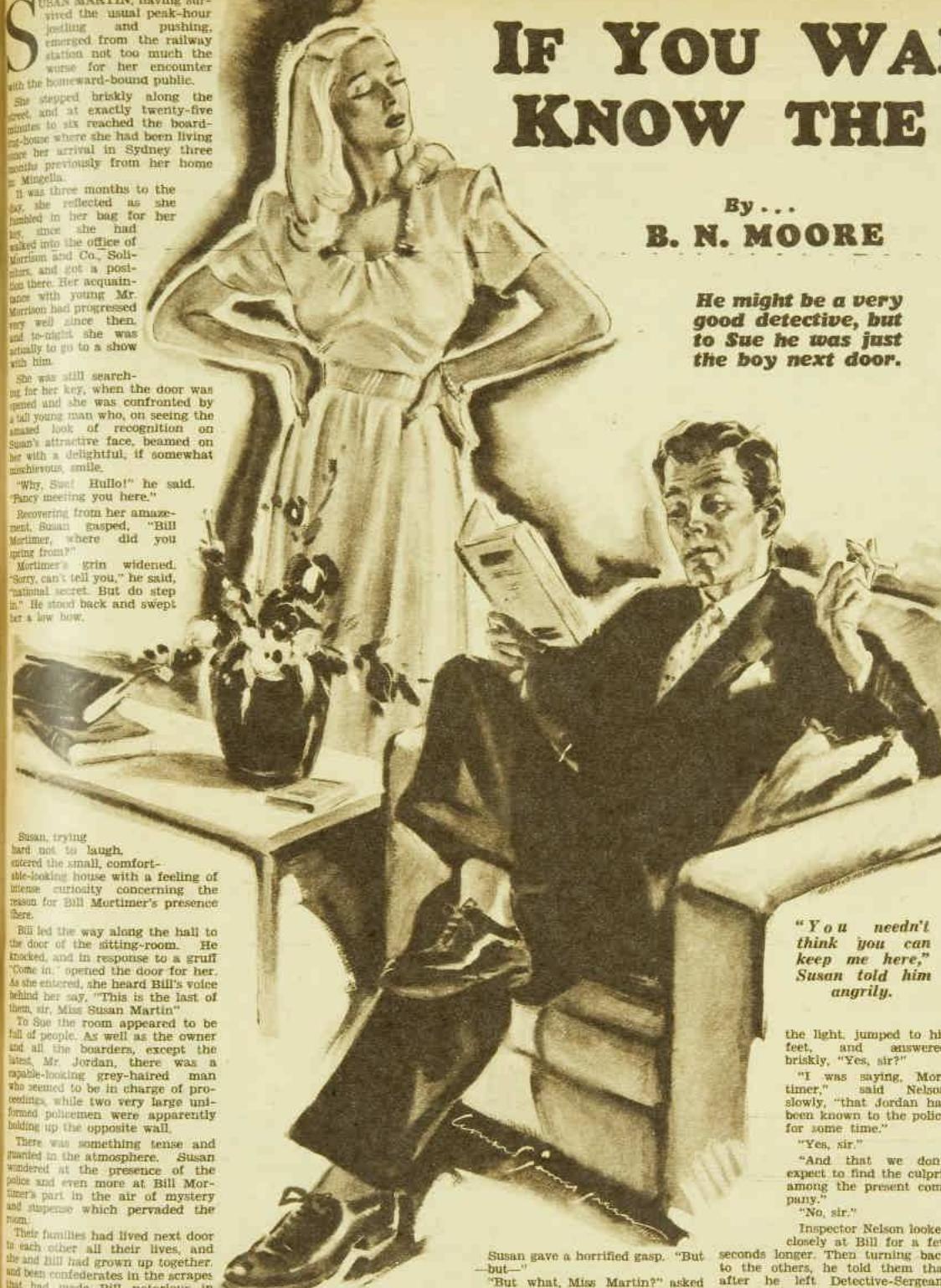
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By . . .

B. N. MOORE

He might be a very good detective, but to Sue he was just the boy next door.



Susan, trying hard not to laugh, entered the small, comfortable-looking house with a feeling of intense curiosity concerning the reason for Bill Mortimer's presence there.

Bill led the way along the hall to the door of the sitting-room. He cracked, and in response to a gruff "Come in," opened the door for her. As she entered, she heard Bill's voice behind her say, "This is the last of them, sir, Miss Susan Martin."

To Sue the room appeared to be full of people. As well as the owner and all the boarders, except the late, Mr. Jordan, there was a capable-looking grey-haired man who seemed to be in charge of proceedings, while two very large uniformed policemen were apparently holding up the opposite wall.

There was something tense and strained in the atmosphere. Susan wondered at the presence of the police and even more at Bill Mortimer's part in the air of mystery and suspense which pervaded the room.

Their families had lived next door to each other all their lives, and she and Bill had grown up together, and been confederates in the scrapes that had made Bill notorious in the neighborhood.

He had been her "steady" since she was seven years old until the night he had asked her to marry him and she had refused. She left for the city the next week, and the last she had heard of him was that he was doing well in the police force.

"He can't be pinning for me too much, anyway," she had thought somewhat bitterly at the time. And now, three months after what he called the breaking of his heart, here was Bill Mortimer, out of uniform, in the midst of an apparently serious matter involving the police. She became aware that the grey-haired man was speaking to her.

"Miss Martin, I'm Inspector Nelson, of the C.I.B. This is Detective-Sergeant Mortimer." He in-

dicated Bill. Susan started slightly at this reference to Bill's rank.

"We're here on a very serious matter," Nelson continued. He paused, then looking at her closely he said: "When did you last see Ronald Jordan?"

Susan, slightly perplexed at his manner, replied uncertainly that she had seen him last the previous evening.

"You haven't seen him at all today?"

"No. I left for work before he came down to breakfast."

Nelson glanced about the room before replying, as if to make sure he had everyone's attention. "Jordan was murdered at two o'clock to-day."

Susan gave a horrified gasp. "But—but—"

"But what, Miss Martin?" asked Nelson eagerly, as though he thought she had some important clue to divulge.

Susan looked at him blankly for a moment. "Nothing," she answered weakly.

Nelson looked slightly sardonic. He turned away, and then addressed the room at large.

"Now that you are all here," he said, "I'll tell you that we don't expect to find the culprit among the present company. We believe that the crime was committed by, er—an outside agency; in fact, one of Jordan's former—ah—associates. Jordan has been known to the police for some time, hasn't he, Mortimer?—Mortimer!"

Detective-Sergeant Mortimer, who had been busy deciding what color Miss Susan Martin's hair was under

thrilled as—oh, anyhow, Bill was childish—always after excitement.

Of course, he had the advantage over Mr. Morrison in looks. She had to admit that Mr. Morrison was rather effeminate. And Bill was so athletic, while Mr. Morrison did not believe in too much exertion. But, all the same, Mr. Morrison was a very clever man, always sensible and reliable, too.

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• Schiaparelli's suit for dinner or theatre is made of figured black moire. The jacket is cut to stand out over the hips and accentuate slim skirt, flaring to the instep from below the knee.

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The Purple Plain

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FORRESTER picked up his soap and began to lather it in his hands, not knowing quite what he was doing, aware of being furiously angry and of behaving badly, and yet of being able to do nothing about it.

All the tension and irritation of the earlier day, so explicable to him, but of utter unreasonableness to others, and only calmed and dispelled by the few hours with the girl in the village across the plain, now came back, black and heavy.

He flung the soap down into the water at his feet and then sat down.

The actual physical feeling of water against his sweat-tired body had for a moment a curiously calming effect. He sat relaxed, with his head in his wet hands, staring at the fragmentary gold reflection of the moon in the water between his legs. And then his first moment of calm was broken as he looked up.

"I came to say I was sorry I put up a black." He looked up to see Carrington standing there.

The young, aristocratic, fair face, with its too-precise hair, still angered him. He knew with perfect rationality that this was the moment in which to end all the differences, the frictions, and the misunderstandings between them.

It would be a simple thing, a right thing and a final thing for him to get up out of the bath and by some casual remark end forever the childishness of something that was of his own making.

He had, after all, to fly with this boy, to know him, to give and to gain confidence, to share the physical and mental experience of operating over a vast wilderness of river and mountain and jungle.

Yet, as he sat there in the small ridiculous bath, tired of his own anger and knowing that a single moment of polite decency would wash away the stupid mess of it all, he could do nothing that would even take him as far as the accent of reconciliation.

It was Carrington who tried again. "I'm sorry we got off on the wrong foot," he said. "I had a message for you from Comilla."

"Oh?" Forrester tried vainly to recall anyone he might possibly know in that squalid and dislikeable air junction beyond the delta.

"A nurse in the hospital there," he said. "Miss Burke."

"Good Lord," Forrester said.

"We talked a lot of you," the boy said.

"Oh, you did?"

He resented suddenly the idea that the boy, fed on hospital gossip, might have arrived with some idiotic, preconceived notion about him. He resented Burke, too.

She was an angular, short-haired Irishwoman of forty, quick-tempered and tireless and fond of whisky, who wore trousers and had built up about herself an iron barrier of man-hatred. She was known always as "Burke."

There was another sister, Johnson, English and sallow, who had worked with her in the hospitals of India and the forward dressing-stations of Burma and who shared her lovelessness and her impatient hatred, really a pretence, of all the men they nursed with devotion and fortitude at various comfortless places in jungle and desert.

"She sent her regards," Carrington said. "She'll be in from Comilla to-morrow and will look you up."

Forrester did not answer. If there was one thing he did not want, it was Burke, with her masculine angularity, her medical cleanliness, and her whisky. Nor any longer did he want Carrington.

"You had better look out for a tent for yourself to-morrow," he said. "There's simply not room here."

"It was only for one night, anyway," Carrington said.

For a moment he did not know what to answer. The whole thing was a ghastly beginning.

Simply through pure pigheadedness he had put himself into the most monstrous and ridiculous of situations. He had behaved as a whole class of irresponsible and unfit officers behaved towards people of inferior rank—as if pompously drunk with petty power.

Among flying men, these distinctions of rank did not count for much. There were a lot of terse, rude, appropriate names for behaviour of that sort, and he knew perfectly well that Carrington would be thinking of them. Yet, even realising that, he could do nothing about it.

He reached for his towel. He had thrown it down in the dust, and now he could not reach it without getting out of the bath. Carrington picked it up, dusted it off on the legs of his bush trousers, and handed it to him without a word.

He snatched it and said, "Thanks."

Carrington began to walk away.

"All right," Forrester said. "We'll go over to the air strip first thing in the morning. You'll want to have a look at the country. How long have you been out here?"

"A bit more than a month," Carrington said.

He turned and went straight into the tent. With savage rubbings, Forrester dried himself with a towel that, because of his own carelessness, was full of harsh fine dust as raw as pumice stone.

He suddenly thought of Harris. He remembered he had not delivered the message to the corporal at the medical centre.

Thought of the message brought back to him in turn the thought of the Burmese girl waiting for him to wake into the strange world of the verandah under the great, shady, scented tree, the garrulous, energetic doctor, and the sick Burmese child, lying, frightened and dazed by the stupor of fever, like a little glass-eyed yellow doll.

He thought of it all as he finished drying himself. And suddenly, together with the coolness after the bath, it calmed him down.

When Forrester went back into the tent, Carrington was lying on his bed, under the half-draped mosquito net, as if nothing had happened. But to his great astonishment, Blore was standing up.

He looked nervous and upset, standing stiffly and formally by his bed, almost at attention.

"Look, sir," he said. It was only in the Intelligence office tent, on operational occasions, that Blore ever called him "sir." There seemed something curiously unfriendly about it now.

"What's up with you?" Forrester asked.

"I'll see the commandant in the morning and get fresh quarters," Blore said. "It's better for you and Carrington to be together."

"What are you binding about?" Forrester said. "You're posted anyway. You'll be gone in a day or two."

"You see, that's it," Blore said. "I'm not posted. All that's been cancelled."

"Tough," They aling you about like bags of offal, he thought. He felt suddenly sorry for Blore.

"What wonder have they thought up now?" he said.

"I think there's a flap on," Blore said.

"There's always a flap on," he said. "The whole thing is a flap."

No one spoke again, and after a few moments Forrester buttoned his tunic, picked up his hat and went out to deliver the message from the doctor.

In the early afternoon of the following day Forrester took off with Carrington, flying eastward. After the downward blinding light of the air strip, it became quite cool in the aircraft, the brutal heat of the plain below forgotten.

The plain itself became something of no more terror than a huge monotonous shore, unbroken except by the pencilling of tiny roads and by scattered groups of dark green stars that were clumps of palms, stretching away between the river and the mountains.

The river became like a bright extended arm of transparent glass, the brown contours of its bed and the blue-green depths of its waters reflected in the glittering bright air.

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Interesting People



MRS. ILMA SHAW

... flats like town

ENORMOUS blocks of flats like small towns, with central playgrounds, over underground parking areas is one of building developments seen in America by director and secretary of a Melbourne building company, Mrs. Ilma Shaw. With daughter One Shaw, who runs own estate agency in Melbourne, she made 5000-mile tour of States by bus. Has brought back many plans for flats, houses. Her main hobby is gardening.



DR. R. HAMBRIDGE

... waging war on T.B.

LISTENING to radio plays is one of favorite pastimes of Dr. R. Hambridge, Red Cross T.B. specialist in N.S.W. Rowing and swimming are his main sports. Former pupil of King's School, Sydney, he is graduate of Sydney and Cambridge Universities. Has been chief physician for Surrey County Council, England. Was in T.B. Division Bonegilla Army Camp, N.S.W., during war. Is 34 years old. Has forthright, charming manner.



MISS DOROTHY STEVENSON

... London premiere

CHOREOGRAPHER of Australian ballet "Sea Legend," Dorothy Stevenson, Grafton, N.S.W., danced in it and produced it for its London premiere. Well known to Australian ballet audiences she is dancing principal roles with the International Ballet Company. Went with Borovansky Company, Melbourne. Vivacious and amusing, she loves music, reading. Is married to Englishman Dr. A. C. Ramsey. Is daughter of late Bishop of Grafton.

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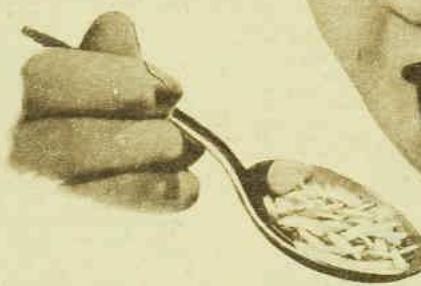
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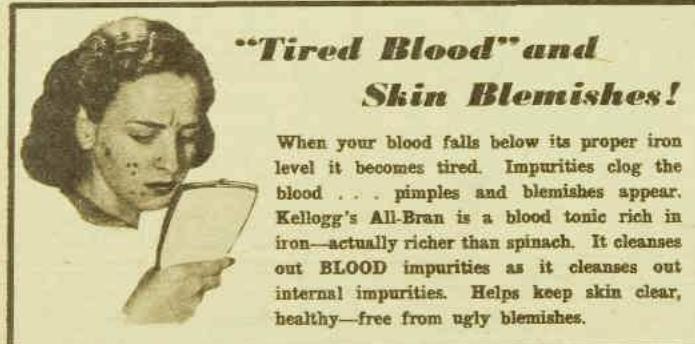


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• Lilly Dache's pale beige felt with rolled trim is given an even wider sweep by its striking trimming of two long natural condor feathers.

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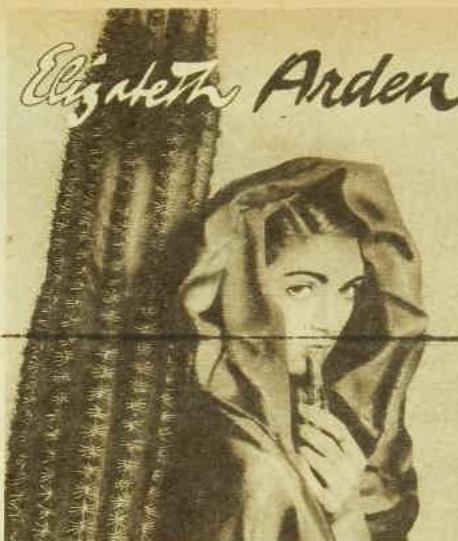
• Sally Victor's turban cap shows strong Eastern influence. Made of beige felt, it is head-hugging with a tiny brim and crown sculptured into front height.

AMERICAN FELTS ...

NEW YORK designers show soft winter felts twisted into ingenious shapes and trimmed with feathers and gilt coins to gain clever effects.



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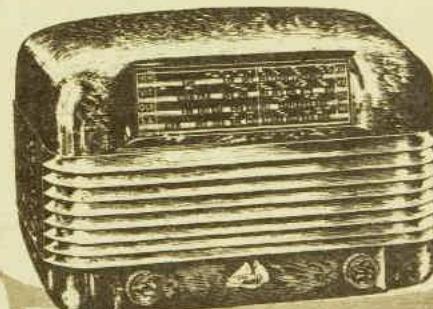


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Eileen Joyce finds color harmonies in music



EILEEN JOYCE wears different frocks to interpret the music she plays at concerts. Left to right: CESAR FRANCK, Symphonic Variations, pink-and-gold brocaded taffeta dress, by Laehasse; BEETHOVEN Concerto, magnolia satin with big sleeves and draped skirt; MOZART Concerto, aquamarine-blue crepe with belt of authentic Victorian bead embroidery (orchid-turquoise and diamond), by Victor Siebel.



SHOSTAKOVITCH: Red chiffon with draped sleeves and back and a gold hem. Photograph by Decca.

Changes her frock to suit each composer in programme

By ANNE MATHESON of our London office

Australian pianist Eileen Joyce, who will arrive in Australia this week for a concert tour, believes that music can be translated into colors.

She changes her dresses to suit the color mood of a composer. A sound dress sense aids this feeling for color harmonies.

"I SIMPLY carry to a logical conclusion an idea that musicians have been toying with for years," Miss Joyce said when interviewed as she was leaving for Australia.

Although she is going by air, the pianist said she had packed all her stage frocks for her A.B.C. tour.

She added that she has no idea how many she has.

"When I know what I am going to play, I instinctively choose the right frock and color harmony for that particular music," she said.

"It not only gives me inspiration and a feeling of confidence that I am in closer harmony with the composer, but it helps to relieve the tension every artist feels before taking the stage.

"After I have changed my frock I change my hair-do to suit the style. But that has nothing to do with the composition I am about to play.

"I merely change my hair-do to keep my fingers supple—it is so much simpler than strumming on the edge of the table."

Eileen Joyce does not feel she is doing anything revolutionary in interpreting the color in music through her clothes.

"Many people turn music into colors," she says, "but they seem to interpret it in as many different ways as there are colors in the rainbow."

"I love pretty clothes, and it is natural they should be as much a part of me as my music. I could never have the extensive wardrobe one needs for the concert platform," she said.

This is how a music critic of a leading London daily paper de-



AT HOME the pianist wears this youthful dinner-dress of pink taffeta.

scribed her when her flair of harmonizing colors and music attracted attention:

"Eileen Joyce swept on to the platform at the Stoll in a peach-colored evening gown, looking like a debutante going to her first non-austerity ball, and then slammed into the opening chords of the Grieg Piano Concerto as decisively as a housewife making for a pair of nylons. A very good performance, beautifully clear cut."

Eileen Joyce's fans, knowing her color interpretations, send her lengths of material. "Otherwise, I could never have the extensive wardrobe one needs for the concert platform," she said.

Pretty enough to be a film star, Eileen's film music has multiplied

GRIEG PIANO CONCERTO is favorite composition of famous Australian pianist Eileen Joyce. For this she wears a series of pink dresses. This pink organdie one was gift of fans at the Horrocks factory after she toured the Midlands.

performance provoked as much comment and applause as did the performances of the stars.

Eileen's hair is red—a lovely titan. Her favorite color is pink. But her favorite frock is lilac (for Liszt).

"Pure sentiment," she told me, "because it was the recording of Liszt's F Minor Etude I made with my last five pounds shortly after I arrived in England that became the year's best-selling record and brought me enough royalties to keep me in London."

Eileen Joyce, who was born in Tasmania, grew up in Western Australia, where her parents lived at Boulder. When she was 17, her outstanding talent was discovered at a music examination held in Perth, and sufficient money was subscribed to send her abroad to study.

She revisited Australia in 1936. Her husband, Lieut. Douglas Leigh-Burall, died on active service with the Royal Navy in 1942.

They had one son, John, who is eight years old and of whom his mother says, "He hasn't a note of music in him," and adds that he tells her he just wants to be an ordinary man.

He takes a very poor view if in his opinion his mother crowds too many concerts and appointments into her life.

PIANIST'S COLOR LIST

- Gold-and-red brocade for Schumann.
- Lilac for Liszt.
- Red chiffon with touches of gold for Shostakovich.
- Mauve for Prokofieff.
- Pink for her favorite composer, Grieg.
- Russian—red brocades for Rachmaninoff.
- Green for Chopin.
- Luminous and changing colors for Wagner, such as shot taffeta.
- Gold-and-pink brocaded taffeta for Cesar Franck.
- Green and red for Tchakowsky.
- Aquamarine with embroidery for Mozart, for Mozart's music is blue.
- Magnolia for Beethoven.

Editorial

MARCH 27, 1948

THE MESSAGE OF EASTER

ALL over the world children are hearing this week the story of Easter.

They are listening to the message of self-sacrifice and of man's duty to his fellow-man as the basis of a happy and honorable existence.

They must surely compare, with some bewilderment, the simple truth of this teaching with the state of the world they live in.

Adults share this bewilderment — and not only adults who have a deep religious faith.

People who do not go to church—who have only a general feeling that the Christian system of ethics is the best foundation for peace between nations and individuals—are also shocked at the way the world is going.

They see others around them being dishonest, reaping large material rewards.

Yet the responsibility on the individual man and woman to set an example of Christian living is, for that very reason, greater than ever before.

It takes exceptional courage, amid the cross-currents of fear and hatred that are everywhere sweeping through the nations, to take up a stand for honesty, tolerance, and justice.

There is still hope for mankind in the message of Easter. It is still not too late to put this message into practice.

But unless individuals do make a start in their own lives, the world is doomed.

Worth Reporting at THE ROYAL SHOW

Old-timer

Moustached W. J. ("Pop") Booth has been helping prepare the Show for more than 35 years. He is a painter, has been painting stands in the Hall of Industries ever since there was a Hall of Industries.

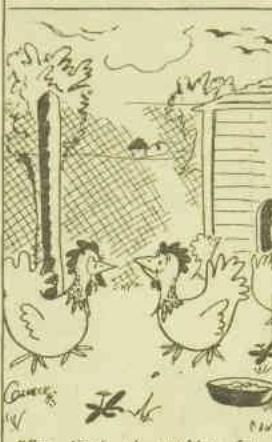
Before that he gave the fixtures a lick of paint when industrial exhibits were housed in a little bagging square supported by wire-netting.

Shaking his head sadly, he told us that things aren't as good as they were. On this he refused to enlarge. "They just aren't so good, that's all," he repeated with conviction.

But Mr. H. W. Sullivan, who was in charge of the painters, carpenters, electricians, and artists working for a month on a futuristic display stand nearby, disagreed. He has helped turn out display stands for six Shows.

"Displays were good in the old days, but nothing like they are now. To-day they're works of art, showing the best in modern architecture. There's fluorescent lighting, floodlighting, streamlining, and more color."

Animal Antics



Pig points

FOURTEEN - YEAR - OLD Neil MacDonald, of Point Clare, is seeing his first Royal Easter Show. Neil, who still goes to school, was in Sydney once before, but doesn't remember much about it. "I'm not too good in the city," he said. "I keep getting bushed."

He is helping Roy Kennedy, who is in charge of the 56 Large White pigs from Mr. D. Campbell's Helensgrove Stud. Neil and Roy were the first arrivals in the Pig Pavilion.

The older pigs were sent by rail. Roy and Neil drove down with the sows and litters in the truck, just to keep an eye on them.

Roy Kennedy was in charge of the Campbell pigs last year, won ten prizes.

Neil is a useful boy with pigs. "I've been among them all my life," he explained. "And expect to be among them for the rest of it." As well, he claims considerable driving experience.

Roy Kennedy was at one time a drover.

The two boys were hoing some of the pigs down when we called. They gave us these tips about a Show pig's toilet:

At home, two weeks before being exhibited, they are oiled from head to toe with sump oil. The technical reasons for this were a little beyond us, but utterly convincing.

Once settled in their Show pens, they are scrubbed with a scrubbing brush and mixture of water, liquid soap, washing soda, and white oil. After that they are hoed daily, stood on straw bedding. Before judging they are groomed all over with a brush dipped in paraffin oil.

Sideshow thrills

EVEN the approved sideshow people of this year aren't allowed to live on the grounds in the caravans and trailers of the past. R. Scarce, head of the five motorcycle riders who perform in the Globe of Death, told us.

They leave the Show each night, when an official nightwatchman takes over. Neat, newly built offices replace the caravans. The artists change and rest in these.

The boys aren't insured. They are considered bad risks. Mr. J. L. Herbert, manager of the Globe of Death, told us. Sometimes they get breaks and fractures, more often they don't. When we were talking to him, we noticed that Scarce had one wrist bound up.

But the really nerve-racking job they both agreed, is spruiking — talking in a loud voice outside, and getting the public in for the next performance. It's a strain, too, especially on big days. At the end of the Show most spruikers have a relaxed throat or laryngitis.

IT SEEMS TO ME

by

Dorothy Drane

THE Royal tour will mean an influx of visitors to all capital cities visited by the Royal Family.

Sydney's Lord Mayor (Alderman Bartley) suggested that hotels could be established in warehouses or even on floors of retail stores.

It would be doubly useful if the labor and material could be put to more lasting use—that is, if some of the temporary accommodation provided could be of a kind which would serve for a few years afterwards to ease the general shortage of accommodation.

The road repairs which are to be done in Sydney, and doubtless in other cities, will be welcomed not only for the Royal visit, but for the lasting comfort of motorists and bus passengers.

ON the subject of housing, an English cable states that Hell Castle, in Worcestershire, Norman-built, is to be converted into flats.

In ten sixty six

Housing troubles were six.

In ten sixty six

Was no shortage of bricks.

They had thriving great cities.

Didn't bother with loans.

Post-Hastings they ran up a castle Which luckily turned out as last well.

So ten sixty six and all that Gives some homeless blightier a flat.

WISTFULLY I brooded over the story of how British officials in Kenya have induced two native tribes to settle a war by swearing a peace oath over a symbolic fire and engaging in ceremonial chants.

My reflections on the superiority of uncivilised ways was broken by the last sentence, which told how one old man was so carried away by the ceremony that he chanted curses not included in the agreement.

Seems as if this trouble over peace conferences is universal.

IN New York, 11 U.S. Army volunteers are to try to live for six weeks on a daily allowance of 50¢ of special biscuits and three glasses of water. Purpose is to devise an official survival ration for military and civilian use.

Any English man or woman could provide information on a survival ration.

PEACEFULLY reading the paper the other night I came across a paragraph stating that a woman judged the champion hand-crammer, had 218 items in her bag.

I can't see how she does it. I promptly emptied my bag on to the floor, but could count only 57, taking four pencils, five letters, and three handkerchiefs all as separate items but coins as one.

The matter is of no moment, except that as a result I was able to eliminate eight items.

THE Victorian Animal Welfare League, alarmed at the increasing number of wild stray cats, has issued a circular advising owners of female cats to have female kittens painlessly destroyed a few hours after birth; to keep only one male kitten and have that one made "what is called a neuter cat."

"If you do these things," continues the circular, "you will help to solve the stray cat problem."

Shouldn't be surprised, if this advice is followed, if the whole cat problem is solved ENTIRELY.

THE LITTLE SCOUTS



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Mandrake the Magician



MANDRAKE: Master magician, and **LOTHAR:** His giant Nubian servant, go with **COLONEL BARTON:** In search of fame-colored pearls. Also on board the yacht Argos is **BETTY:** His daughter. After many adventures they rescue some sailors in a fishing-smack, who are in a trance-like sleep. Wakened by oxygen, they tell of terror of seeing a

white ship without lights or crew. When they know the Argos is going on, they leave her hurriedly. Crew of the Argos threatens mutiny as the yacht sails into a tropical storm. Mandrake calms their fears, when through the waves comes a ghostly white sailing ship. Its deck deserted.

NOW READ ON:

STEADILY, THE GHOST SHIP DRAWS TOWARDS THE ARGOS. THEN A HEAVY MIST RISES FROM HER AND CURLS OVER THE ARGOS--



HURRIEDLY, MANDRAKE AND LOTHAR TAKE COMMAND--RUSHING ALL ABOARD THE ARGOS BELOW DECK...



BARTON DIGS UP TWO PORTABLE UNDERWATER-HELMETS--MANDRAKE IS DETERMINED TO BOARD THE GHOST SHIP. BETTY PLEADS WITH HIM--BUT HE DECLARES THAT THE AIR IN THE ENGINE-ROOM WILL LAST ONLY 50 LONG--



LOTHAR TOSSES A ROPE TO THE GHOST SHIP--LOOPING IT ON A POST--HAND OVER HAND, THEY CROSS THE GAP, EVERY SECOND PERILOUS SINCE THE SHIPS MAY ROLL TOGETHER, CRUSHING THEM!



THE MIST SETTLES ON THE DECKS OF THE ARGOS--MEN FALL, UNABLE TO WALK--THE DREADED SLEEPING MIST OF THE GHOST SHIP!



AIRTIGHT FLOOD DOORS ARE CLOSED. THEY FIND SAFETY FROM THE CHOKING MIST IN THE ENGINE-ROOM--AND ALL REMEMBER THE FISHERMEN WHO HAD FALLEN BEFORE THE MIST AND ALMOST STARVED TO DEATH AS THEY HELPLESSLY SLEPT...



SO MANDRAKE AND LOTHAR DECIDE TO BOARD THE GHOST SHIP. LOTHAR HESITATES. HE FEARS NOTHING THAT WALKS, SWIMS OR FLIES, BUT GHOST SHIPS ARE ANOTHER MATTER. MANDRAKE TOUCHES HIS ARM ENCOURAGINGLY--AND LOTHAR DECIDES TO BRAVE IT OUT!



ABOARD THE GHOST SHIP--AND WHAT WAITS FOR THEM, NEITHER ONE CAN GUESS!



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TALKING OF FILMS

By Marjorie Beckingsale

SOMETHING has gone a bit wrong with the American attempt to give an added gloss to already gilded British film players, and who is to blame?

Not so long ago we were rather dazzled by the news that many of England's best stars had been offered, and in most cases had accepted, highly paid contracts from American studios.

Obviously United States producers had hoped to cash in on British receipts as well as those of U.S.A. by producing bigger and better films than England, and displaying the favorite British stars at the same time.

This is a reasonable enough object, but somehow or other the idea hasn't quite come off.

Stars such as Michael Redgrave, Rex Harrison, Deborah Kerr, Ann Todd, and Phyllis Calvert all have been under contract or on loan to American studios, and much of their work which we have seen is not the best they can produce.

Michael Redgrave has been a favorite actor of mine for years, but just look at what he does in the Universal International American film, "The Secret Beyond the Door," in which he co-stars with Joan Bennett.

Universal gives Mike a good, absorbing psychological drama, a beautiful, competent co-star in Joan Bennett, and a handsomely mounted production—but, sad to relate, he makes a poor flat of his part.

Most of the time he wanders round looking as though he were thinking of something far apart from the film, or he turns on the required semi-maniacal glare so suddenly that it appears badly overdone.

I regret feeling obliged to make this dour comment on a film which otherwise is good.

Has novel plot

THE novel idea that a neurotic man could spend his leisure buying and assembling in his home rooms in which murders had been committed is intriguing, to say the least.

The reason for such strange goings on is, as one might guess, the result of a childhood experience, and it works up to a good climax, though the final scene is unadulterated corn.

The film is showing at the Victory in Sydney.

Joan Bennett is one film star to whom I pay my feminine tribute. Mother of three daughters (one old enough to be married), and at present the prospective mother of a fourth child, Joan retains her beauty and her figure astoundingly.

I think her acting in this film is the best she has done since "The Macomber Affair," and she wears luxury clothes to perfection.

To go back to my first remarks about the odd effects of a trans-continental studio change, just think how Deborah Kerr's charm and piquancy were damped in her first American film, "The Hustlers." She appeared to have had buckets of cold water thrown over her personality, which had been so striking in British films such as "Colonel Blimp" and "Perfect Strangers."

Rex Harrison's suave twinkle and man-about-town air are far too clever to be lost easily. He did a fine character job in the American film, "Anna and the King of Siam," but his rollicking captain in "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir" was not up to the standard of his performances in Britain's "Blithe Spirit" and "The Rake's Progress."

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IDEAS for AUTUMN

from New York designers



● Attached shoulder-cope is high fashion interest in Mangone's navy crepe suit, made with skirt flared for slight fullness. Pockets give hip emphasis. White buttons provide sharp contrast and the sleeves are finished with interesting cuffs.



● Storm collar turned high to reveal a half-blue, half-red diamond at the nape of the neck is attractive on Mangone's red-and-blue plaid greatcoat, cut to give voluminous folds and loose raglan sleeves. (Right.)

● Postillion coat by Russak has a half-cape with simulated pockets. On the skirt are huge pockets, set off by a double row of stitching. Over-the-ears hair-do and hat perched well to sides are part of the new-old look for autumn.



● Rounded shoulders, an interestingly cut collar, and moderately flared skirt with slash pockets give an air to the Kelly-green gabardine suit designed by Molly. (Right.)

★ Capes, voluminous coats, cutaway jackets, hats perched well to the side of the head, collars and necklines worn extremely high are ideas that found favor with New York designers for autumn clothes. The hats are specially suited to the new, flat, over-the-ears hair styles.

● A black-and-white wad coat with modified lines designed by Mangone with a long, slim black frock, with side buttons.





● Pointed lapels, reminiscent of an 18th century dandy's coat, are bright green on this navy blue suit by Molly. Cuffs are banded with matching green. Plumed matching hat is by Lilly Dache. (Above)

● Russek's satin dinner-suit has a snug-fitting jacket trimmed with soutache braid embroidery, and is cut with scalloped peplum. Unpressed pleats give skirt fullness. Note the old-fashioned satin slipper, now in favor again. (Left.)

● Very high neckline of the blouse is an idea culled from the past and used effectively by Russek with this gabardine suit made with flared skirt and given hip interest with pockets in the jacket.

● Two-toned beige twill is used by Molly in this suit made with a tailored jacket and flaring skirt. The darker tone in the skirt is repeated in bias-binding on jacket.

● Finger-tip-length cape in grey yarn wool is lined, and has a border of stripe weave to give accent and match the jacket of the two-piece. Striped weave also accents hemline of gored skirt. It is designed by Mangone.

JACK felt better after the second drink in a beach-front bar. He was sitting over his third drink, watching the swaying blonde, when Mathilda Lynne said, "May I, Jack?" and sat down across from him. He signalled the waiter, without speaking.

"Here we are again," Mathilda said, "as regular as bay fever. Blooming with the goldenrod."

"How was the winter for you, Mathilda?" he asked, without much interest.

"I had a little spot in radio," she told him.

"Thank heaven for radio," he said. "What would we do without it?"

"It was vaudeville in the old days," Mathilda said, and added quickly, "before my time, of course."

"Mathilda," he said, "what do you think of the play?"

"I don't like a mother role," she said. "Jack, I never played a mother role before."

"I know," he said. "But what do you think of the play?"

"It stinks, old boy."

His hand closed hard on his glass and his mouth was clamped tightly shut. His glance was antagonistic and his voice sharp: "The trouble with you, Mathilda, is you've been around the theatre so long your viewpoint is muddled. I think the play's all right."

The blood left her face and she looked tired and too thin. "Mildewed is a very nasty word," she said.

Her brown eyes were forlorn, even in anger. He reached out and put his hand on hers on the table. "I'm sorry, kid. I didn't mean to be nasty."

He saw tears come into the brown eyes. "Oh, Jack, let's don't be messy. I'm sorry I said it. I wish I liked the play, but I don't."

"I know," he said. "It's okay, Mathilda." He called to the waiter, then grinned at her. "I don't know

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about you, but I'm going to get quietly tight."

"I'll have the same," Mathilda said.

The ringing of the telephone awakened him. He reached out a shaky hand for the instrument, and a clear, cheery voice drummed in his ears. "Mr. Marley, this is Helen Wilson."

"Who?"

"Lily, the maid."

"Oh," he mumbled. "What time is it?"

"Half-past eight."

"Half-past eight."

"I'm sorry. Is that too early?"

You said you were going to help me and I thought we could get together this morning. Have a swim before breakfast and talk it out over the coffee."

"For heaven's sake!" he said. His eyes were open wide now. Half-past eight in the morning! Why, he was never human before noon. But it was a challenge.

"There's a place on the boardwalk where we can eat in our bathing suits," she said. "How about it?"

"Okay," he agreed. "I'll be right down."

He picked himself twice while shaving. He felt unsteady and somewhat nude and exposed in his bathing trunks. He wrapped his beach robe tightly round him and went to the elevator. She was waiting on the porch, her eyes as clear as the morning sky.

"Isn't it a day?" she said. "I couldn't resist it."

She dropped her robe on the beach and he saw that her body was a golden tan. He was aware of the whiteness of his own arms and legs.

"Come on," she said. "It'll do you good."

She ran ahead of him into the water, pushed through the first breakers, and dived into a wave. He followed her, but the water was cold, and he did not enjoy the swim. When they returned to the beach he wrapped his robe round him.

On the boardwalk, overlooking the beach, was a restaurant where they had waffles and sausages, and after three cups of coffee his head was clear and he felt better. He felt younger, too.

They talked about her role and she listened eagerly to his suggestions; he saw how she made mental note of them, and he thought that possibly he could do something with her.

But he was depressed again when he learned that she was a local girl. She had not been a pupil of Sonia Dynamotovskaya or anyone else at all.

Mr. Larkin had given her a chance with the apprentice group the summer before, and this year he had let her have roles in the stock company. This would be the fourth play in which she had appeared.

"I know I have lots to learn, Mr. Marley," she said. "But I do feel confident. I've never had stage fright. The minute I step on the stage I feel sure of myself. I always do."

He refrained from commenting on the confidence of ignorance. Instead he asked, "How does your family feel about your going on the stage?"

"Oh, they're pleased as Punch," she said. "She smiled.

The rehearsal went well that day, and Jack was encouraged. Tomorrow would be the dress rehearsal, and the opening the next night. It was very little time, but the cast knew its parts, and after all it was summer stock. It need not be a perfect production.

He was disturbed that afternoon when he became aware how little attention he was giving his own part. He had been thinking of the play. He had been working on Lily, the maid, and he had given very little thought to Jack Marley, the star.

It was a new experience, a severe test to his vanity. He wanted this kid to make good, because of the play, and because of her, too. She was young and fresh, and so sincere.

When they were going over a scene in the third act he noticed an odd smile on Mathilda Lynne's face.

It was a love scene between himself and Lily, and he knew that he was more than an actor, more than a director, as he led her through the scene.

He was, he thought, an old fool, and the kiss he gave her as the scene closed was almost paternal. When he met Mathilda's eyes again he grinned.

Jack was disappointed that Helen did not telephone the next morning before rehearsal. He had rather expected another morning on the beach. But she was waiting at the theatre, and told him that she had been up until late the night before going over her part, with her father and a friend for audience.

"The whole play," she said. "They took turns reading the other parts. Pop insisted on it."

At the dress rehearsal that afternoon he was the only one of the cast to blow his lines, and again he was reminded how he had made his own role secondary to the success of the play.

It was definitely a new experience, but it had its immediate compensations. The look in her grey eyes, the quick turn of her head when he spoke, her childlike faith in him.

Mathilda Lynne walked back to the hotel with him and told him: "Jack, you've got the makings of a great director. You're doing wonders with that girl."

He grinned. "You know, she might go over."

Mathilda nodded. "She might, but, Jack, the play's no good."

"You've got jaundiced eyes," he said. "Because of that mother role. We'll wait and see!"

Her eyes inspected him. She shook her head. "Jack, I'm worried for you. I'm afraid you're headed for a disappointment."

"Skip it, Mathilda. I can take these things in a stride."

ALFRED



"The kid is only twenty years old," Mathilda said. "I asked Larkin."

He stared at her and felt the hot color in his face. She went on quietly, not looking at him. "She's engaged to a boy here in town. Has a nice business renting summer cottages. Have you met him, Jack?"

"No."

"Come on, Jack." She grimmed. "Let me buy the drinks this time."

He could not be angry with Mathilda. She was all right, a trouper. You could depend on women like Mathilda, whom life had taught to control emotion and salvage the bread even if it fell butter-

side down. He would not let her buy a round, and there were many rounds.

When he reached the theatre the next night and went backstage and saw Helen Wilson he felt at once that the play would go over. She had drawn her hair back from her face and she looked a wavy, timid little maid.

The shyness was shyness now, and she was covered all over with radiance, that wonderful amateur radiance, and it was what was needed in the part.

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NO MORE Lonely Saturday Nights FOR LAURA

SATURDAY NIGHT AND NOT GOING OUT? WHAT ON EARTH DO YOU DO WITH YOURSELF?

OH, I GUESS I CAN FIND THINGS TO DO

Laura looked so miserable. I almost feel we should have asked her to join us.

OH, I COULDN'T BEAR SITTING NEXT TO HER IN A STUFFY THEATRE... NOT WITH THAT 'B.O.'

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CANBERRA PICNIC RACES. Pat McNeil (right) and Joy Carrodus, of Canberra, are early arrivals at the Acton racecourse. Pat and sister Betty bring picnic lunch from Yarralumla.



YOUTHFUL Ann Litchfield, of Cooma, and Frances Horton Brownie, of Young, duck their fancy for the Canberra Picnic Race Club Cup.



BOMBALA VISITORS Mrs. Tom Ryan and Mrs. Bess Henderson study their racebooks while the latter enjoys brief rest on her shooting-stick.

Intimate, Gottings

CANBERRA Picnic Race Club one-day meeting is gay with traditional picnic spirit, despite fact that Capital, which comes of age this year, is fast turning into a busy little city.

Visitors from most parts of N.S.W. and as far afield as Winton, Queensland, flock to Acton Racecourse and spare time from racing interests to admire beautiful view of mountains in distance.

Races are all exciting, with bachelor Bob Stewart's tartan colors heading the field in three races, including the Canberra Cup.

PARLIAMENT adjourns on afternoon of day before races, and in the few hours between dinner and supper Hotel Canberra lounge completely transformed. Politicians and their staffs drive off to Fairbairn Airfield, utility trucks and cars drive up with race visitors. First arrivals are the Ernest and Owen Merrimans with the various Hyles families right on their heels. Two Hyles' are on race club committee, and, in the words of Geoff Hyles, "there's a tribe of us."

THE Hyles didn't bring their usual number of horses to this year's meeting, but there is much excitement among clan when Frank Hyles' daughter, Mrs. Peter Watson, of Pennant Hills, wins the second race with her horse, Kentish Lad.

UBIQUITOUS Harry Calthorpe, life member and foundation secretary of the Canberra Picnic Race Club, watches interests of Brigadier W. D. McDonald, who could not attend races, and sees latter's horse, The Sniper, run second in Beaton Stakes.



BETWEEN RACES chat for Mrs. Mac Chirnside, of Moore Springs, Bombala, and Mrs. Owen Merriman and Mrs. Ernest Merriman, of Ravensworth, Yass. Mac Chirnside and Owen Merriman were riders in the Milong Bracelet.

MOST of Yass seems to have made the trek to Canberra, and I run them everywhere. First two I meet are Mrs. John Bucknell and daughter Cleo. They tell me two of their horses are entered in races, and later I see one of them pass the post first in the Murryong Handicap. Next Yass people I see are Mrs. Mill Barber and Mrs. Copsey Collins. They are standing on seat with Mrs. W. Horton Brownie, of Young, watching the start of the first race.

DRESSING is very smart with grey tailored suits maintaining apparently unceasing popularity. Two of the most beautifully tailored are worn by Mrs. Peter Willsallen, of Juglong, and Mrs. Forbes Gordon, of Bungendore. I see them busily arranging picnic lunch with Mrs. Sam Osborne, of Harden. Mrs. Tim Gordon, of Cooma, and Mrs. Featon Braund, of Bungendore. Lunch was piles of crisp rolls, jars of salad, roast poultry, and cool drinks banked around a big block of ice in a tin tub.

BUFFET dinner at home of Mr. Justice Simpson and Mrs. Simpson is well under way when I get there. "Rocket" Simpson cheerfully assists his parents in entertaining guests, who include many of his University friends. Mrs. Philip Luck, of Wollstonecraft, and blonde Pat Stapleton, of Vaucluse, both look attractive in black, the former in clinging crepe with beaded sash, and Pat in off-the-shoulder heavy satin decorated with three large pink roses.

CLUB president Brigadier J. R. Broadbent and Mrs. Broadbent have cheery cocktail party at the Gloucester before sitting down to dinner with guests, who include the "Boy" Boots, of Bywong, Sutton, and the Ned de Mestres, of Yass. The Alex Scotts, of Carwoola, Bungendore, are a happy pair in another dinner party because their horse Mowright is an easy winner in the Huntley Malden Handicap.

BALL at the Albert Hall is mecca for young people, and I see some lovely gowns. Am surprised that only two ballerina-length frocks are worn. Both are lovely, particularly Tania Teppema's off-the-shoulder ice-blue stiffened satin with ratty full skirt.

See John Tanner, of Lindfield, dancing by and take a quick look at his shirt front. Am pleased to see it looks immaculate, because John had despaired of being able to attend ball after a bottle of hair oil leaked on to the only stiff shirt he had with him in Canberra. However, combined laundry efforts of amateur John and a local firm did the trick.

MET many friends of Joyce Bowden, who usually signs this page, and regretted having to tell them that Joyce has been ill. However, it looks as though she's on the road to recovery now, and it should not be long before she is out and about again.

Georgie



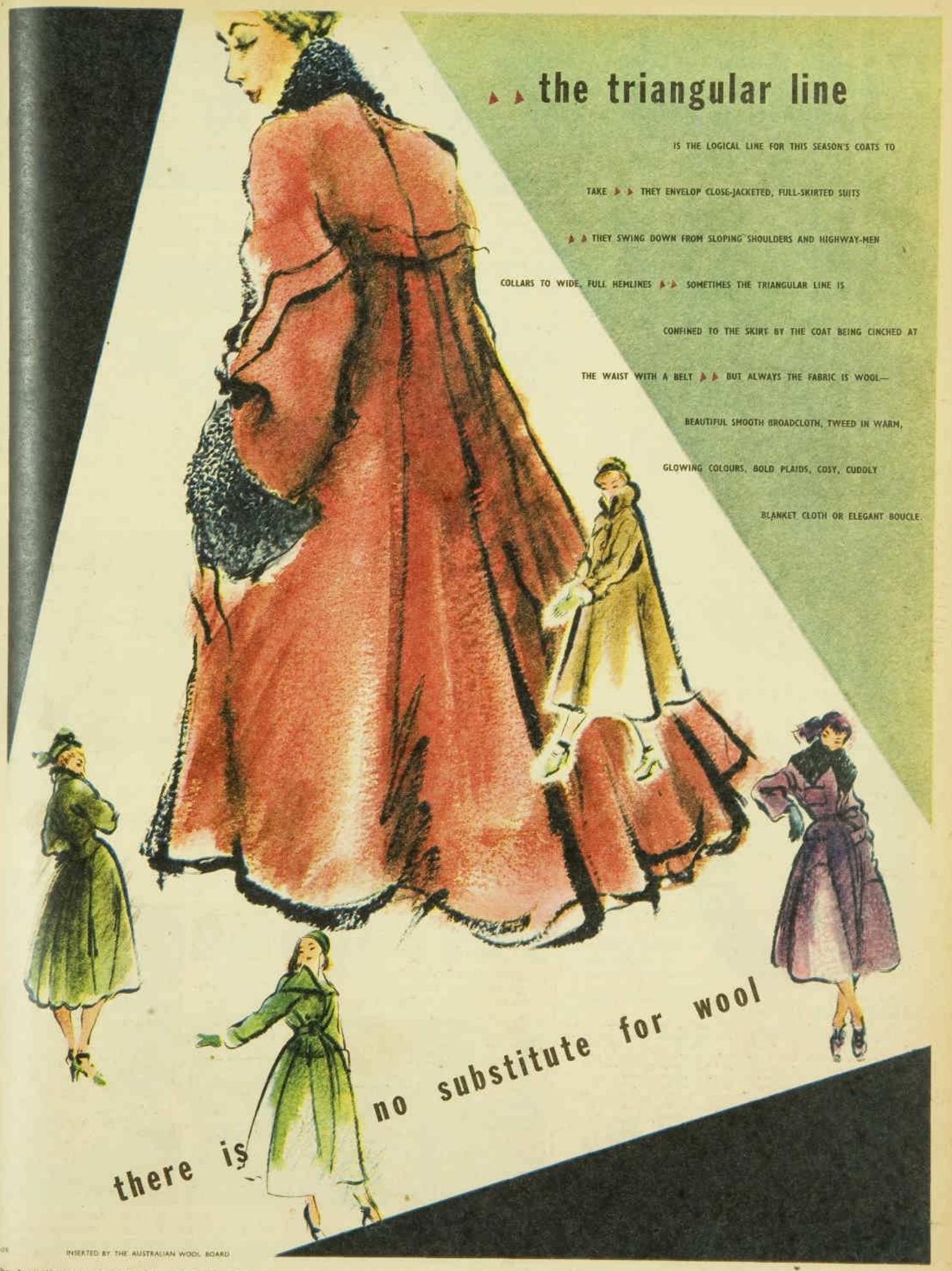
GAYEST GROUP on racecourse are Lyndall Thompson, Toby Barton, Janet Chapman, Arthur Nelson, all of Sydney, Ann Milson, of Canberra, and Moira Trigget, of Lake Cargelligo.



HAPPY TRIO at Picnic Race Club Ball are Ruth Gullett (left), and the Comte and Comtesse de la Grandville. Ruth wears sunray-pleated satin with gold sequins, and the Comtesse full-skirted fog-blue sheer.



BUFFET DINNER enjoyed by Joan White and Jerry McMuirrie, both of Canberra, at National Crescent home of Mr. Justice Simpson and Mrs. Simpson before going on to ball at Albert Hall.



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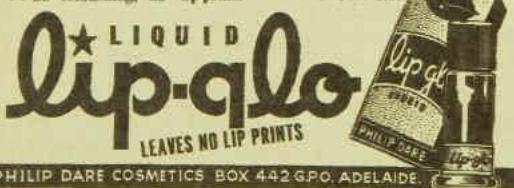
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1 FAMOUS ACTOR Tony John (Ronald Colman) successfully requests his former wife, Brita (Signe Hasso), to appear with him in new Broadway stage production of "Othello" as Desdemona.

2 IN SMALL CAFE, Tony, who has queer obsession which makes his stage roles govern his real life, meets blonde waitress Pat (Shelley Winters).



3 DURING PLAY, Tony, who has huge success as Othello, frightens Brita by injuring her in scene in which Othello kills Desdemona. Tony has become completely obsessed with his stage role.



4 CELEBRATION of second year of play brings Brita and Tony together, though Tony is jealous of Brita's friendship with her agent, Bill (E. O'Brien).

A DOUBLE LIFE

AFTER playing mostly straight roles for 25 years, Ronald Colman has a character part in Universal-International's drama "A Double Life."

He has referred to the part, which is that of an actor, as one of the most difficult he has ever handled but the one which he enjoyed playing more than any other.

Signe Hasso has her best film role as Colman's wife, who divorces him because of his strange personality but remains his friend and co-star.

Stage actress Shelley Winters, who appeared in "Oklahoma!" on Broadway, has a good supporting role, and plans to remain in Hollywood permanently.



6 SUSPICIOUS over Tony's strange manner, Brita is worried. Tony hears of Pat's murder but is uncertain whether he just imagined he had caused her death.



7 REALISATION by Tony that he murdered Pat comes after he falls into trap set by Bill and detectives, with help of another waitress who resembles Pat. Tony's reaction to meeting the girl proves he had known Pat.

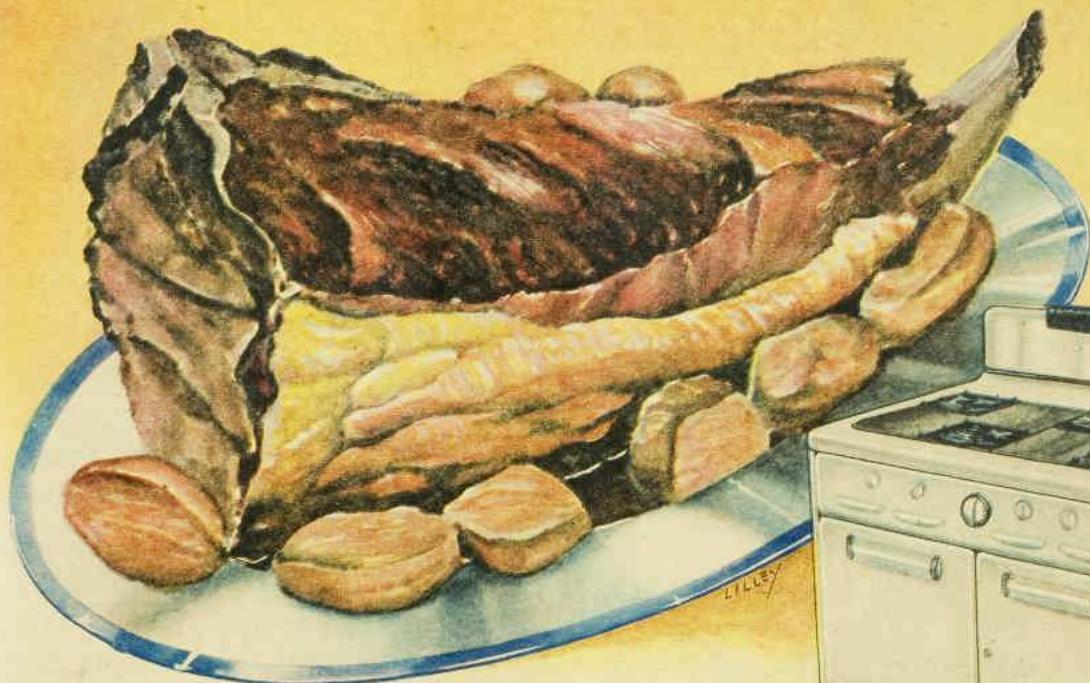


5 FOLLOWING quarrel, Tony leaves Brita to visit waitress Pat, whom he strangles during a fit of madness.



8 FINAL tragedy comes when Tony, knowing he is insane, kills himself with dagger during "Othello" scene.

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JUST before the curtain Jack went to her in the wings and whispered, "Scared?" "Oh, no," she said. "I'm never scared."

He grinned. He was usually scared himself, and he was scared now, but he could not remember how it had been the first time.

He said, "Here's for luck," and bent and kissed her. She smiled, and he saw Mathilda watching them. Mathilda wrinkled her nose.

"Pop's in the first row," Helen said. "Want to take a look at him?"

Jack looked, but not to see her father. The young man was tall and sunburned, and his expectant eyes were fixed on the curtain. "Who's that with him?" Jack whispered.

"Oh, that's Tommy." Jack glanced at her. "The boyfriend?" he asked.

"Just the kid next door," she said. "We grew up together."

The flustered young woman who was the stage manager was calling "Places" and Jack walked to the wings and stood beside Mathilda. As the curtain went up and Helen's voice rose, clear and confident, Mathilda looked at him and gave him a confirmatory nod.

When the girl made her first exit there was a determined clatter of applause from the front row where her father and the young man sat. She looked at Jack rather shame-facedly, but he said: "You deserve it. You're doing fine."

In fact, she was better than he had expected, and at the end of the first act there was a comfortable round of applause.

The second act did not go so well. Jack had known that the act dragged, and the cast heard the ominous creaking of the seats under a restless audience. But when the curtain was lowered the applause was even stronger.

"That's relief," Mathilda said. "They're glad it's over." She shook her head at Jack. "It's certainly not for the play, Jack."

Jack nodded. He knew that the applause for him had been dutiful, for the imported star. The hometown applause was for this little Miss Wilson who was stealing the show. What show there was, that is.

The third act was paced fast, and the best scene was his and Helen's together. As they acted it he knew that his performance was not good; he was even having trouble with the lines. But all the time he was watching her, encouraging her, and she responded.

In that one brief scene she was really good, and the curtain went down to a thunder of handclaps.

The entire cast took the first curtain, Jack between Mathilda and Helen, holding their hands. As he bowed he whispered, "Okay, Mathilda, the play stinks."

"Well, next time, Jack." "Yeah, next time."

The three of them took a curtain call, then Jack and Helen together. He could see her father and the young man leading the applause. The curtain fell and he said quickly, "This is yours, Helen," and walked offstage.

Mathilda's eyebrows went up. "Bowing out, Jack?"

He grinned. "That's hers. Not mine!"

They gave the girl three curtain calls, and then she ran to him holding out both her hands. "Oh, I know I didn't deserve that. But thank you, Mr. Marley."

"You ought to have it once in your life," he said. "It's good for the soul."

"She'll have it lots of times," someone said, a girl named Alice something or other who had a bit part as a cook.

"You were right," Jack said to Helen. "The play is a bad play."

"But they liked it," Helen cried.

He shook his head.

"Let me tell you something," he said gently. "It was a bad play, badly directed, and presented by a bad stock company. The audience liked you, not the play, and they liked you because you were young, and glowing, and sincere, and because it's your home town, and they all know you. You were the best of a bad bargain—but, honey, you can't act."

The flush left her face, and her grey eyes grew big. It was like slapping a child, but he went on steadily. "You've got no business on the stage. This part turned out to be a natural for you, but that was just a lucky break. It won't happen again, Helen."

She stared at him, and suddenly whirled away, but he had seen the tears in her eyes. The girl named Alice said indignantly, in a voice clear for him to hear. "It's because she stole the show. He's jealous."

He saw Mathilda looking at him, and he, too, turned away. He went back to his cramped dressing-room and began wiping off the make-up.

HAZEL



"You know what this dump needs? A poker machine."

He saw that his hands were trembling. He needed a drink.

There was a soft noise, and he heard the opening of the door. He turned, and saw Mathilda closing it softly behind her.

"Well, that was a charming little scene," Mathilda said.

He went on wiping off make-up. He knew that Mathilda understood, and that was why she was here in his dressing-room.

"Look at me," he said. "Mathilda, look at us. You heard me saying I was going to produce this show on Broadway, but you know I haven't got a dime. Neither have you."

"Sure," Mathilda said. "My first part was a natural, too. At least I thought so. It went like that."

"She can't act," Jack said. "Not any better than you or me."

Mathilda accepted it. "No," she said.

Jack looked at his face in the mirror.

"I could have buttered her up," he said. "You know how those things are. It would have been easy. But I was watching the boy out front, there with her father."

He shrugged his shoulders. "Well, I guess I could have handled it better, but that's the way I did it."

"It was okay," Mathilda said. "Jack, I am going to buy a drink this time." Her brown eyes were soft and her smile was warm, comforting. "You know what I am going to drink to?" she asked.

"Yeah," Jack said. "To radio." (Copyright)

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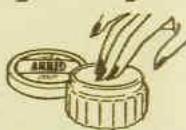
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If You Want To Know The Time

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NOW only Bill and Susan were left in the room. She felt embarrassed over Joan's parting remark, and could see Bill looking at her.

"Could I go please, Mr. Mortimer?" she asked.

Bill continued to look at her for a while, then said: "Miss Martin, do you know that a murder was committed on these premises to-day?"

"I did receive some hint of it," came the sarcastic answer.

"Well, I can't understand your asking to go when you surely know suspects are never allowed to leave the custody of the police."

After a few seconds Susan managed a gasp: "But—but—"

"But what, Miss Martin?"

"But you let everyone else go."

"Yes, but I had all of them tailed with a squad of police," Bill replied, "and there's none left for you. You left it a bit late."

He added kindly: "If you had gone with Miss Emerson I wouldn't have minded giving Mr. Morrison a message." Then he settled down in his chair with a book.

"Now you just listen to me, Bill Mortimer, and put that book down," ordered Sue. "Are you going to listen?" she demanded.

"I think everybody in the street will be listening if you keep up that yelling," said Bill.

"I'm not yelling," Sue said. "You needn't think you can keep me here when you've let the others go. I'll complain and have you sacked."

"Oh, Miss Martin, please don't do that. Won't you think of my wife and children?" pleaded Bill.

"You're not married are you? Something Sue couldn't explain made it imperative for her to know.

"No," came the unconcerned answer. "But that's the usual speech when you're threatened with the sack, isn't it?"

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"I'm sure I don't know," was the exasperated reply, "but—"

"Well you should, because it's certain to come in handy some day."

Susan resolved to change her tactics. "Bill, please, I have to go at half-past seven, and it's nearly that now," she said humbly.

Just then came the sound of a car stopping at the house. She turned and said angrily, "He's here and I'm not ready."

Bill looked thoughtful. "Mmm, a car. Of course, I couldn't offer you that. Probably that's the attraction. Anyhow, I'll see what he's like, and maybe I could get my face lifted."

The doorbell rang and Bill went to answer it. Sue heard Bill saying something about the murder.

She could hear Mr. Morrison's astonished reply, as they walked towards the dining-room, and Bill saying: "Oh, no, nothing at all to do with it. We're just watching the place as a matter of routine."

Then they were at the door and Mr. Morrison burst forward.

"My dear Miss Martin, this is a most terrible affair. I don't know how you came to be involved in it. I can't think what father will say. He thought your character was so irreproachable."

Susan found herself becoming angry with Mr. Morrison for making such a fool of himself before Bill.

Bill spoke and Sue could detect a quiver of amusement in his voice.

"I don't think you understand, Mr. Morrison!" he said. "Miss Martin isn't involved in this at all. It was just unfortunate that the victim happened to be living in this house."

"Now, now, young man, you keep out of this," Mr. Morrison commanded. Turning again to Sue he added: "I really don't think I can keep our engagement, Miss Martin, until I have spoken with father."

"I really don't think I can keep our engagement at all, Mr. Morrison," Sue said angrily, "since you obviously don't believe what Bill said about my part in this affair."

"Bill? Who's Bill?" asked Mr. Morrison. "Oh, you mean this policeman. You really mustn't get familiar with these people, you know."

"He's not this policeman," said Sue hotly. "He's—he's—"

"Well, my dear, who is he?" asked Mr. Morrison patiently.

Sue took a deep breath. "He's my fiancé."

Mr. Morrison looked stunned for a minute. "Your fiancé? I—I don't know what to say." He gave a furtive look round the room, then murmured: "I think—yes, I'm sure—I really must be going." and he hurried off.

There was a deep silence as the sound of the front door slamming echoed through the house.

Suddenly the phone gave a shrill peal. Bill took up the receiver. He spoke for a few minutes and replaced it.

Turning to Susan he said: "Nelson caught his man trying to board a train at Central." He paused for a moment. "So that's that," he finished quietly.

Sue, who did not seem to be aware of Bill's remark, said: "I'm sorry. I'll tell him it wasn't true. I'll ring him in about half an hour. He should be home by then."

"Well, while you're waiting, I just want to clear up a little matter that's been bothering me for some time past. Will you marry me?"

Sue's eyes, bright with tears, turned on him. Her face broke into smiles as she said, "Why, Bill. I'd love to."

"Then we'll just leave Mr. Morrison and father to themselves," laughed Bill, as he moved towards her.

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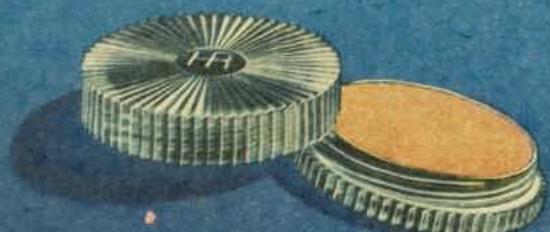


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PINCURLS

By CAROLYN EARL,
Our Beauty Expert

PROVIDED the hair has a certain amount of curl, natural or otherwise, anybody at all dexterous can, after a few trial runs, roll curls and coax waves into place sufficiently well to maintain a well-groomed head between salon appointments.

I stress "certain amount of curl" because without it the best set will wilt perceptibly within the hour, and probably disappear entirely in a little longer.

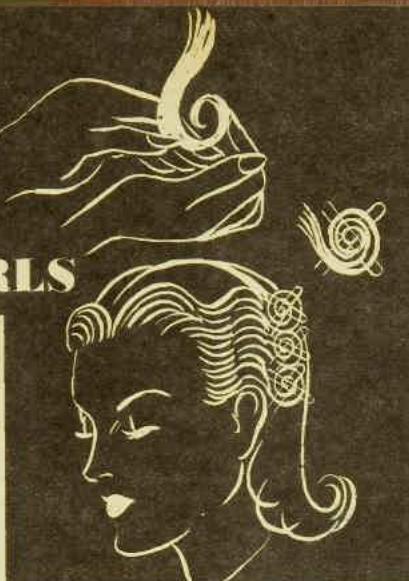
This is not meant to suggest that all and sundry can turn out professional-looking hair styles. There are obvious limitations attached to setting one's own hair, even for the clever ones who have a positive knack for it. But having grasped the essentials of self-setting, it will be found invaluable in keeping the hair always looking its best.

Pincurls are the mainstay of home hair-fixing — those methodical little curls, rolled soaking wet and pinned flat to the scalp to remain until bone-dry.

So here we discuss and diagram a pincurl pattern. A constructive idea is to note how your hairdresser goes about preparing the hair for setting — combing, pushing, and coaxing the hair into contour, dividing it off cleanly, and wrapping the ends while the hair is still thoroughly wet.

It is a mistake to half-dry the hair first; just towel off the drips, add a touch of brilliantine if the hair is dry, and set to work.

For settings without an initial shampoo, brush well and dampen with setting lotion, or wet with warm water.



TOP LEFT: Pincurl winding begins at knuckle, continues towards fingertip. Top Right: Strand remains ribbonlike throughout winding. Lower Right: Assembly-line curls make sleeker hair-dos. Crossed hairpins hold curls firm and flat.

The main idea is to concentrate on a small section of the head at a time; so first part the hair off into four sections — top, two sides, and back.

Then select one on which to commence, pinning all the remainder firmly out of the way. Each work section is subdivided into other smaller strands; the more the better.

We've all seen how the hairdresser takes a very thin strip of hair for each pincurl. We do likewise because it simplifies both the rolling and drying.

Here are the steps in pincurling:

A. — Separate the very thin strip of hair, comb it flat like a ribbon for easier winding, and with the right hand hold it up and away from the scalp firmly.

B. — Pointing the left index finger down at the scalp (as a general direction, not a strained contortion) begin winding on the strand about centre-joint, and at a point about an inch from the roots of the hair. Continue winding firmly, not tightly, down towards the fingertip.

C. — Preparatory to releasing the curl, carefully slide the circles together towards the fingertip, at the same time tucking the curl ends (still in the right hand) into the centre of the ringlet.

Once the curl is released — and you have done a good job if you are now holding it flat between the thumb and index finger of each hand — it will more than likely need an extra turn or two in order to take up that inch of slack at the roots.

Very carefully here — keep the curl flat and use both hands still to make sure those elusive ends don't escape and cause the whole curl toconcertina.

D. — Turn the curl in the direction in which you want them to lie when dry, place them pancake-flat on the scalp, and keep them that way by pinning with two hairpins, crossing in centre.

Of course curling the back hair is a feat requiring long practice, extra patience, and a triple or rear-view mirror. It can certainly be done, though. Divide the hair sharply down the centre back, again pin off one half and separate the remainder into several pieces.

It might help to start the curls at the centre back and work out towards each ear, rolling each curl right down to the roots, and turning and pinning right-hand curls towards the right ear and left-hand curls towards the left ear.

When all the hair is pinned into place, slip on a close-fitting net and dry completely.

Sculpture curls, snail curls, or pincurls — all may be made from this pattern, with the slight variation that the two former are wound over two or three fingers, utilising heavier strands.



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For Frosting—Combine egg white, sugar and orange juice. Beat over boiling water until mixture holds shape, about 7 minutes. Remove from heat and whisk until thick enough to spread. Add chopped marshmallows.



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VEAL-AND-BACON PIE

One and a half pounds veal steak, 1oz. lean bacon, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 11 cups water, 1 tablespoon flour, pinch pepper, 1 tablespoon chopped onion, 1 cup shredded carrot, thin piece lemon rind, 2 hard-boiled eggs, 10oz. shortcrust pastry.

Cut steak and bacon into small dice. Roll steak in flour, pepper, and salt. Place in saucepan with onion, lemon rind, and water. Stir until boiling. Add carrot and bacon, cover closely and simmer 14 to 2 hours, until meat is quite tender. Remove lemon rind, allow mixture to become cold. Cut off 2-3rds of pastry, roll to 1in. thickness on floured board. Use to line bottom and sides of loaf-tin, pressing pastry well into corners. Fill with half meat mixture, cover with sliced hard-boiled eggs, add balance of meat. Moisten edges of pastry, cover with remaining pastry rolled to 1in. thickness. Press edges well together and pinch a frill. Gash top to allow steam to escape. Brush with milk, decorate with rose and leaves of pastry. Bake in hot oven (450deg. F.) 15 to 20 minutes. Reduce heat to 375deg. and cook a further 12 to 15 minutes. Allow to become cold before removing from tin, or may be left in tin for packing in picnic basket.

ORANGE WALNUT CAKE

Four ounces margarine or butter, 1 dessertspoon grated orange rind, 1 cup castor sugar, 2 eggs, 2 cups self-raising flour, pinch salt, 1 cup milk, 1/2 cup icing sugar, 1 tablespoon orange juice, 1 dessertspoon melted butter, 1 extra dessertspoon grated orange rind, walnuts.

Cream margarine or butter with

orange rind and sugar. Add unbeaten eggs one at a time, beating well. Fold in sifted flour and salt alternately with milk. Turn into greased tin, cake-tin, bake in moderate oven (375deg. F.) 45 to 50 minutes. Cool on cake-cooler. Add melted butter, orange juice, and rind to sifted icing-sugar. Stir over low heat to spreading consistency. Cover cake, decorate with chopped walnuts.

WHOLEMEAL DATE SCONES

Four ounces wholemeal flour, 4oz. white self-raising flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 dessertspoon margarine or butter, 1 tablespoon sugar, 1 cup chopped dates, 1 egg, 1 cup milk.

Mix unsifted wholemeal flour with sifted white flour and salt. Rub in shortening, add sugar and dates. Mix to a soft dough with beaten egg and milk. Turn on to floured board, knead slightly. Press or roll to 1in. thickness. Cut into rounds or squares with floured cutter or knife. Place on greased or floured oven-tray, bake in hot oven (450deg. F.) 12 to 15 minutes.

PICNIC CUTLETS

Six lamb cutlets, 1 dessertspoon lemon juice, 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard, few drops Worcester sauce, 1 teaspoon tomato sauce, few

drops onion juice, egg-glazing, crumbs to cover.

Mix mustard to a smooth paste with lemon juice, add sauce and onion juice. Brush trimmed cutlets on both sides with the mixture, stand aside 1 hour. Dip in egg-glazing, toss in breadcrumbs. Place on bottom of thickly greased baking-dish, cover with greased paper. Bake in hot oven (400deg. F.) 25 to 30 minutes. Allow to become quite cold before packing in picnic basket.

APPLE PATTY-CAKES

Two ounces margarine or butter, 2oz. castor sugar, pinch grated lemon rind, 1 egg, 2oz. flour, 2oz. cornflour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 large green apple, extra 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind, 1 extra tablespoon sugar, small quantity lemon-flavored icing, cinnamon.

Peel, core, and grate apple, place in saucepan with extra lemon rind and sugar. Stir over low heat until sugar dissolves. Allow to become cold. Cream margarine or butter with sugar and lemon rind. Add unbeaten egg, mix well. Fold in sifted flour, cornflour, and baking powder. Half fill deep greased patty-tins with mixture, add a layer of cooled apple, fill up with cake mixture. Bake in hot oven (400deg. F.) 15 to 20 minutes. When cold, top with lemon-flavored icing and dust with cinnamon.

CREAM CHEESE AND VEGETABLE SANDWICHES

Twelve slices wholemeal bread, 4 tablespoons cream cheese, 1 tablespoon milk, salt to taste, pinch cayenne pepper, 2 tablespoons very finely diced celery, 1 teaspoon chopped onion, 2 tablespoons shredded carrot.

Soften cream cheese with milk, add salt and cayenne. Mix with celery, onion, and carrot. Add a little more milk if necessary—mixture must be spreading consistency, as no butter is used on bread. Spread six slices of bread with mixture, cover with remaining slices. Wrap in greaseproof paper, making as airtight as possible. Cut into triangles when required.

SALAD CROQUETTES

Two cups minced cold meat, 1/2 cups mashed potato, 1 cup finely diced celery, 1 teaspoon chopped onion, 1 teaspoon chopped mint, salt and pepper to taste, 1 egg-yolk or a little milk, browned bread-crums, fat for frying.

Combine meat, potato, celery, onion, mint, salt, and pepper. Bind with beaten egg-yolk. Take a tablespoonful at a time and shape into croquettes. Brush lightly with milk, toss in browned breadcrumbs. Deep-fry golden-brown in fuming fat, drain on kitchen paper. Allow to become cold before packing in picnic basket.

If motor transport is available, fitted picnic cases are ideal.

But if the party is going on foot, pack food and utensils separately.

Packages should be made as light as possible, and each member of the party should be given something to carry.

Savory pinwheels, picnic cutlets, and salad croquettes suggested on this page can be eaten without plates, knives, or forks—informality is half the fun of a picnic.

Veal-and-bacon pie may be sliced and served on cardboard plates, which are light and easy to pack.

Foods are less likely to become dry and broken when packed firmly. Remember to put heavy items on bottom of case or basket, lighter things on top.

Use small, clean, lidded tins for tea and sugar—they are lighter than screw-top jars.

ONE-EGG CHOCOLATE CAKE

Four ounces margarine or butter, 1 cup castor sugar, 1 egg, 1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate soda, 1 cup milk, 2 dessertspoons cocoa, 11 cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, pinch salt, 1 cup chopped raisins (or mixed fruit), 1 cup chopped walnuts.

Cream margarine or butter with sugar. Add unbeaten egg, mix well. Blend cocoa smoothly with milk, add soda. Fold into mixture alternately with sifted flour, baking powder, and salt. Lastly fold in fruit and nuts. Turn into greased 7in. cake-tin, bake in moderate oven (375deg. F.) 50 to 60 minutes. Allow to stand a few minutes before turning out of tin. May be iced with chocolate icing when cold.

SAVORY PINWHEELS

Eight ounces shortcrust or puff pastry, 2 cups very finely diced cold meat (tinned or home cooked), 1 dessertspoon chopped parsley, 1 dessertspoon chopped onion, 2 tablespoons tomato purée (or 1 tablespoon tomato sauce mixed with 1 tablespoon milk), 1 egg-yolk.

Mix meat thoroughly with all other ingredients. Divide pastry into two portions, roll each one to a thin oblong sheet. Spread with meat mixture, brush edges of pastry with milk. Roll into two long, thin rolls, starting to roll from longest side of pastry. Wrap in greaseproof or waxed paper, place in ice-chest or refrigerator 1 hour. Cut into 1in. slices, place cut side down on greased oven-tray. Bake 15 to 20 minutes in hot oven (450deg. F.). Cool on cake-cooler. Pack salad ingredients to eat with the pinwheels.



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Homemakers' favorites

Bacon roll... a winner

THIS week's first prize-winner, bacon roll, is one solution to the problem, "What shall we have for dinner?" when the meat coupons are running short.

Butterscotch gateau as a recipe is worth adding to your files. The rich filling is delicious in crisp pastry-cases.

On a warm night sherry cream, served icy cold, is sure to be popular.

BACON ROLL

Two cups lean minced bacon (or 1 cup bacon, 1 cup minced cold meat), 2½ cups breadcrumbs, 1 dessertspoon chopped parsley, ½ cup thick white sauce, 1 cup tomato puree or tomato sauce, 1 teaspoon mixed mustard, pinch cayenne pepper, 1 beaten egg, browned breadcrumbs.

Wash bacon well in hot water, remove rind, cut into dice or mince finely. Mix bacon (or meat and bacon), breadcrumbs, parsley, mustard and pepper in basin. Combine tomato puree with white sauce and mix well with other ingredients. Lastly fold in beaten egg. Flour hands well and mould mixture into oblong shape. Roll in browned breadcrumbs, pressing on firmly with hands. Place on greased baking-dish, cover with greased paper, bake in moderate oven (375deg. F.) approximately 2 hours. Serve hot, garnished with tomato slices and parsley. May also be served cold with salad.

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SHERRY CREAM

One cup cold water, 1 level dessertspoon gelatine, 1 cup sherry, 1 teaspoon vanilla essence, 1 tin sweetened condensed milk.

Soften gelatine in a little of the water, stir over boiling water until dissolved. Combine balance of water, sherry, and essence; add dissolved gelatine. When cooled and beginning to thicken, beat with rotary beater until creamy and frothy. Add condensed milk. Stand basin in bowl of ice and beat until thick and beginning to set. Pile roughly in serving-dishes, sprinkle with nuts, and decorate with cherries.

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BUTTERSCOTCH GATEAU

One 8in. sponge cake, 3 teaspoons butter or margarine, 3oz. brown sugar, 1 tablespoon hot water, 1 egg, 1 pint milk, 2 rounded tablespoons cornflour, 1 teaspoon vanilla essence.

Melt butter or margarine in saucepan, add sugar and egg-yolk, cook slowly until well browned, stirring frequently. Add hot water, stir until caramel is melted. Blend cornflour with a little of the milk, add balance of milk and stir over heat until boiling. Add caramel, mix well. Cook very slowly—10 minutes—stirring frequently to prevent burning. Beat egg-white stiffly with pinch of salt. Fold into mixture with vanilla, allow to become cold. Cut a circle from top of sponge, fill with butterscotch mixture. Replace top, dust with icing sugar. Serve in wedges with custard or ice-cream.

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DATE-AND-CHEESE LOAF

Three ounces margarine or butter, 1 tablespoon sugar, 1 tablespoon golden syrup, 1 cup grated cheese, 2 cups self-raising flour, pinch salt, 1 cup milk, 1 cup chopped dates.

Cream margarine or butter with sugar; add unbeaten egg and golden syrup; mix well. Fold in grated cheese, then sifted flour and salt alternately with milk. Lastly add chopped dates. Fill into two well-greased nut-loaf tins and bake in moderate oven (375deg. F.) approximately 1 hour.

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PILCHARD PATTIES

One cup mashed potato, 1 cup plain flour, 1 cup self-raising flour, pinch salt, 3oz. margarine or good clean fat, 1 small tin pilchards, cooked green peas, tomato, 1 egg, 1 cup milk, pinch cayenne pepper.

Sift flour with salt, rub in shortening. Add potato, mixing well. Add sufficient pilchard liquor to mix to a firm dough. Turn on to floured board, knead slightly, roll thinly. Cut and line greased boat-shaped tins or deep patty-tins. Half fill each case with drained pilchards, add a few peas and a small piece of tomato. Beat egg, add milk, season with salt and cayenne. Pour over filling. Bake in moderate oven (375deg. F.) until filling is set and cases lightly browned. Serve piping hot, or cold with salad.

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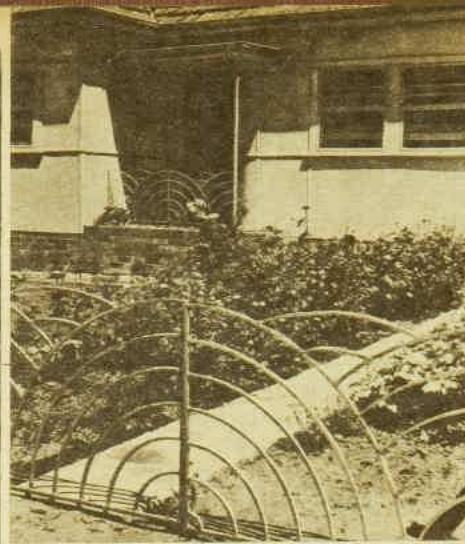
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Mrs. Giles watched every detail of the building. She shopped for the door and window fittings, designed kitchen equipment, the many spacious cupboards and built-in wardrobes, and the dressing-table in her bedroom.

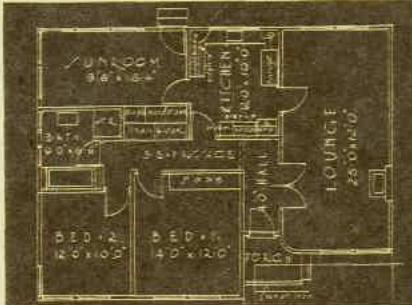
She also designed the unusual steel fence and porch surround and the doors made of cypress pine in a diagonal pattern.

During winter evenings, while waiting for their home, Mr. Giles made the rugs, which are the only

GLIMPSE of the wrought-iron fence and porch balustrade, both painted turquoise. Gates match.

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RIGHT: Plan of Mr. and Mrs. Giles' home is one that will interest all homelovers. Lounge measures 25ft. by 12ft.



THE GAY little sunroom has divan daybeds with tan, blue, brown, and lemon patterned covers; curtains match. All meals are served in this airy room. Close-up of unusual corner fireplace is shown on opposite page.



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coverings on the waxed and polished sycamore pine floors.

Mr. Giles shopped for curtain, divan, and bedcover fabrics, and these she made while her husband worked on the rugs.

In order to keep down costs Mr. Giles painted fittings, tables, chairs, and cupboards.

The corner in sunroom with its seven daybeds is most attractive. In this room, which opens directly off the pretty scarlet-and-ivory kitchen, the Giles' dine. Here, too, built-in cupboards hold recreation materials.

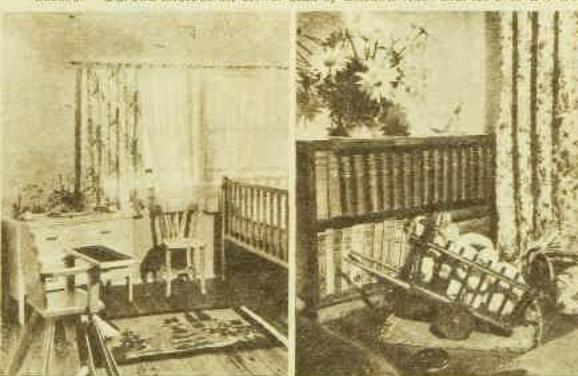
Although they have occupied the house for only seven months, the garden yields a wealth of flowers and vegetables. Mr. Giles has paved a special section for the chrysanthemums and made lawns, garden beds, and pathways.



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PICKING her flowers . . . Mrs. Giles, who married during the war, was for four years assistant in our Cookery Department.



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CLOSE-UP of corner Aliment in the sunroom. Novel touch is given by miniature wheelbarrow filled up with mixed fruit.

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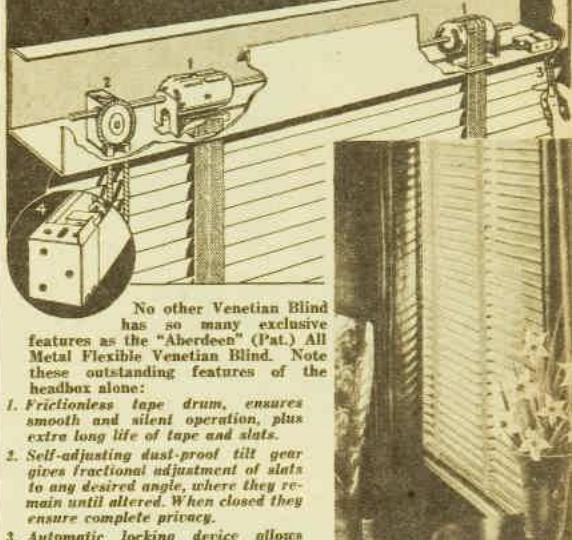
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